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## **Iowa Department of Education Launches 'Intersect' Website**

*New website provides Iowa-specific research on education issues*

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – The Iowa Department of Education today launched *Intersect*, a new website providing research on education issues based on Iowa-specific information. *Intersect* can be found at <http://intersect.iowa.gov>.

The research is conducted by Iowa Department of Education analysts to help educators make informed decisions. The primary research is not peer-reviewed, but is based on the work conducted by the department to study variables affecting education in Iowa.

Data is part of Iowa's history in education. For more than a decade, the department has collected information about Iowa schools. It provides multiple reports to the public on topics such as student performance on statewide tests, enrollment numbers, graduation rates and more. With *Intersect*, the data are analyzed to become truly informative; revealing trends and unveiling critical elements to answers.

Please visit *Intersect* to review current research papers, including "District Characteristics: What Factors Impact Student Achievement," "The Relation Between District Size and Student Achievement: Summary" and more.

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*The Iowa Department of Education works with the State of Iowa Board of Education to provide oversight, supervision and support for the state education system, which includes public elementary and secondary schools, nonpublic schools that receive state accreditation, area education agencies, community colleges and teacher preparation programs. The department is committed to high levels of learning, achievement and performance for all students, so they will become successful members of their community and the workforce.*